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Menshikov sent me a hamper of vodka and caviar and invited me to lunch again. I went a second time, but found his conversation a repetition of what he had said before. During the remainder of my stay in Washington, he suggested [redacted] I meet him again, but I replied that, since the Secretary of State had taken [redacted] office, I thought I should drop out of any future discussions on the matters with which he was concerned.

I became involved toward the end of January for a few hours in another matter remote from my future activities. The President telephoned me and said he was anxious for me to talk to General Gavin, to whom he had offered the post of Ambassador to France. He said Gavin was undecided whether to accept the appointment. Gavin and I had a long talk. He asked whether I thought it would be an advantage in [redacted] the eyes of General deGaulle [redacted] to have an American General as Ambassador. I told him my personal feeling was that this might well prove a disadvantage. (I heard later from Walter

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current problems. The members seemed to be of high caliber. Lord Home [redacted] sent for me. I went to Admiralty House by mistake, believing and I was to meet him there, /ran into Lady Dorothy Macmillan, barely missed entering a room where Sir Roy Welensky was thrashing out African problems with the Prime Minister, [redacted] then got on the straight path to the Foreign Office. Home wanted to speak to me about affairs in Laos.

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Home [redacted] facetiously suggested that I have a pigeon drive in Regent's Park. He said that even as late as the nineties, his great uncle had authorization to shoot ducks in St. James's Park.

I had Sir Edward Beddington-Behrens for lunch at the house. He was one of the founders of the European Movement, is vice chairman of the European League for Economic Cooperation, and heads a large number of societies. He wanted one of his European organizations to give a dinner for me. I explained why I thought this would be embarrassing, and we compromised on my future attendance at a dinner to be offered privately by him, at which I would meet some of the leading industrialists.

Major Chichester came up from Devon to talk about my attending the Devon County Agricultural Association exhibition in May. I have agreed to do this. Frank Appleton, now 75, but in perfect health, and still a fox hunter, came out to the house in the late afternoon with Julian Allan, Vice-President of the Morgan Guaranty Company in Paris, for drinks. Julian said that Lysette Makaroff was being operated on again today and had slight chances of survival.

E has a cold and has lost her voice, so I went alone to dinner with Barbie and Herbert Agar. Pam and Michael Barry were there. We had a festive evening. The Barrys [redacted] always eagerly supervise [redacted] the operations of the DAILY TELEGRAPH. They were keen to know about Phil Graham's purchase for the WASHINGTON POST of NEWSWEEK.

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March 21, 1961 - Tuesday

I attended the Economic section staff meeting this morning. We had a go round and I was pleased by the variety of talent displayed.

I called on the Swedish Ambassador, Mr. Gunnar Hagglof, Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps. He has been 13 years in this post. Since 1906 there have been only seven Swedish Ambassadors here. He is 56 years of age; this will probably be his last post, but he will probably remain here some years longer. I thought him a delightful fellow. [redacted] B1 E.D

[redacted] The stairway of his Adam house is lined with engravings of his official predecessors. It is amazing how far back they go. One of them was sent here in Queen Elizabeth's time to ask her hand in marriage for his sovereign. He remained a year before receiving a negative answer. Still another stayed 35 years as Ambassador. Upon his return to Sweden, he found most of his relatives and old friends dead, so came back to London and ended his days here.

I went to lunch with Bill Clark at the office of the Daily Mirror. This is a garrish building where Cecil King presides over his immense journalistic empire. King has the reputation of being arbitrary and overbearing, but I found him a considerate and entertaining host. It was an enjoyable occasion. The others there were: John Freeman - newly appointed editor of the "New Statesman" who also puts on TV shows; Brian Inglis - editor of "The Spectator"; John Bevan - editor of the "Daily Herald";